

NIGHT EXTRA

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GRANGERS URGE SENATORIAL PROBE OF CORRUPTION

Unanimously Favor Official Investigation of Charges of Bribery in Recent Elections.

WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 21.—With the passage of the resolution asking the United States Senate to investigate corruption and bribery the National Grange has concluded its annual convention. There was no discussion over the passage of the resolution calling on the United States Senate to investigate all charges of bribery and corruption in connection with the election of United States Senators in the last election and calling upon Congress to pass a law making it a criminal offense to use money in an election. The resolution was introduced by Henry Harland, of Idaho, and is regarded as the strongest measure on the subject which has ever passed the national grange.

One action which illustrated the liberality which pervaded the meetings of the Grange, was the laying on the table of a resolution condemning the opening of the Panama Exposition on Sundays. It had been generally expected this resolution would be adopted, for the reason that the Grange is rather strict on the observance of Sunday.

The plea was made by a number of the delegates that Sunday is the only day upon which a large number of laboring people can attend such an exposition and that it was right to give them an opportunity to do so.

A feature of the final session was a stirring speech on ship subsidies, made by Mr. Layton, of Ohio. The Grange was considering the resolution by C. B. Kealey, of Washington, opposing ship subsidies of all kinds. The resolution was adopted because it is the policy of the Grange, and always has been, to oppose subsidies.

MANUFACTURERS WARNED OF COMING PROSPERITY

Advised to Begin Building Operations to Handle Increased Business.

CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—An editorial article appearing in the official organ of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association urges manufacturers who contemplate building plants to begin operations at once.

The article says a great revival of business is just ahead, and adds that manufacturing plants which have been adequate for the reduced volume of business will be entirely insufficient for the flood of orders bound to come.

POPE'S SIXTIETH BIRTHDAY

Benedict XV Receives Messages From Heads of Nations.

ROME, Nov. 21.—Pope Benedict XV quietly celebrated his 60th birthday today.

Messages were received from all nations, some of the heads of nations expressing the hope that the Pope's plan for peace will soon be realized.

ZEPPELIN NEAR ENGLAND

War Craft Reported Off Dungeness, Holland.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—A dispatch to the Central News from Dover says that an airship was seen flying over Dungeness, a headland on the Kentish coast. Another dispatch says that the airship is a Zeppelin heading toward London.

DOLLAR EXCURSIONS TO STAY

Winter Trips to Seashores Will Not Be Discontinued.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Nov. 21.—Dollar excursions from Philadelphia to Atlantic City are to remain in force.

An official announcement received this morning states that Sunday excursions to the shore in midwinter, inaugurated a year ago at the instance of business men, will be resumed the first Sunday in January and continued until March 21.

MAN ACCUSED OF FORGERY

Former Employer Declares He Used Letter Heads to Obtain Goods.

Frank Arnold, 25 years old, 119 North 8th street, was arrested this morning on a charge of forgery, made by John J. Connelly, a former employer.

Arnold worked in Connelly's drug store, 219 and Vine streets, and when he left, it is said, he took some of his employer's bill and letter heads with him. Since then he is accused of obtaining quantities of supplies from various drug houses and cigar firms and of reselling them.

Arnold was arrested this morning by policeman Wakker, 10th and Buttonwood streets police station, and is held in \$1000 bail for a further hearing.

Killed by Plunge From Window

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—William F. Froelich, 45 years old, cashier of Froelich Probst & Co., commission merchants, this morning accidentally fell or threw himself from a fifth-story window of the building at No. 32 Beaver street. He died instantly.

FAIR

THE WEATHER

For Philadelphia and vicinity Fair and colder today.

For further details, see last page.

MASONS INSPECT HOME

More Than 200 Members of Philadelphia Lodges Visit Elizabethtown Lancaster, Pa., Nov. 21.—More than 200 Masons, members of Philadelphia's 80 lodges, arrived at the Elizabethtown Masonic Home this morning on a tour of inspection, being the guests of Grand Master J. Henry Williams, Philadelphia.

After dinner the estate of nearly 1000 acres was gone over in automobiles. The party will leave for home this evening. The Philadelphia lodges have under consideration a project for raising funds for a hospital for the Home, and this trip was to show the visitors what is there.

COMMUTERS PLAN UNITED CAMPAIGN IN FARE PROTEST

Business Improvement and Civic Associations Will Be Represented at Next Tuesday's Meeting.

Commuters in New Jersey are elated today on account of having won the first advantage in the fight against increased passenger rates. The business organizations in this State, which have taken up the fight as a unit, believe they have no reason to be discouraged because the Public Service Commission at Harrisburg failed to set a date for a hearing. The promise of the Commission to take up the matter as soon as properly drawn petitions are filed, is taken as proof that the whole matter is to be investigated thoroughly.

MAY REQUIRE RECEIPTS. It was said at Harrisburg today the Public Service Commission, unlike the Public Utilities Commission of New Jersey, had no power to suspend the proposed increase in rates. The act creating the Commission provides, however, the Commission may require the railroad companies to issue to their patrons a certificate or other evidence of payments of fare made by them in excess of the prior established rates.

It is held probable that the Commission will require the railroads to furnish evidence of the increase in order that in the event of its being held unreasonable each passenger may be able to establish the amount of repatriation he is entitled to under the repatriation clause of the statute.

Plans were completed this morning for the public meeting of protest in the Garlick Theatre next Tuesday afternoon, at which every business, improvement and civic association within commuting distance of Philadelphia will be represented.

Invitations were sent today to men prominent in business, industrial and municipal circles, asking them to be present at the meeting and act as vice presidents. Letters were also sent to Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; Theodore Voorhees, president of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company; and to Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, asking them to be present or to have some one representing them, who can state the views of the railroads on the question of the rate increase.

PROMINENT COMMUTERS INVITED. Letters of invitation were signed by Edward B. Martin, chairman of the Transportation Committee of the United Business Men's Association, and Edwin M. Abbott, president of the Philadelphia Reading Railway Commuters' Association.

The meeting will be called to order by Mr. Abbott, who will explain the purpose

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FREEDOM FOR IRELAND IS GERMANY'S DESIRE

Intention of Invading Country Officially Denied in Berlin.

BERLIN, Nov. 21.—Assurances that Germany desires "only national prosperity and freedom" for Ireland have been given by the Irish minister, Sir Roger Casement, an official statement from the Foreign Office today declares in telling of a visit of the Irish leader.

Reports published in Ireland that German victory would inflict great loss upon Irish people are emphatically denied. The Foreign Office also says Germany has no intention of invading Ireland "with a view to its conquest."

WOMAN KILLS HUSBAND

"Never Mind Looking for Jim, I Shot Him," She Phones Police.

CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—A newspaper clipping containing a list of 14 Chicago women acquitted on murder charges and the assertion, "Women can't be convicted of murder in Cook County," was found in Mrs. Belle F. Benson's purse today when she was arrested after she had shot and killed her husband.

On complaint of Mrs. Benson, a warrant was issued last night for the arrest of her husband, James J. Benson, on the charge of disorderly conduct. Police were searching for him when the telephone rang.

"Never mind looking for Jim, I shot him," said Mrs. Benson. "I got him. He started to beat me again and I shot him."

"Consequently it was not without careful consideration that we made preparations to marry. A man does not throw away a fortune lightly and I had every reason to believe that my father, who is a very wealthy manufacturer with offices at 82 Broadway, would leave me a considerable share of his estate."

"We had a jolly wedding dinner at the Knickerbocker Hotel that night and then settled down to the old routine. I in turn was a model at Benson's in 8th street, and my husband with his father's firm on Broadway. We never indulged in a house party. It seemed too extravagant in view of what we knew was sure to come when Mr. Richter, cousin, should return."

GOMPERS SUCCEEDS IN LINING UP A. F. L. AGAINST 8-HOUR BILL

Federation Opposes Enactment of Labor Time Law After Spirited Early Morning Debate.

The American Federation of Labor went on record this morning as opposed to the legal enactment of the eight-hour day. The principal defender of the resolution and opponent of the legal enactment of the eight-hour day was President Samuel Gompers.

In an address, directed upon "reds" and radicals in general, Mr. Gompers ridiculed the efforts of organized labor in several States in endeavoring to establish an eight-hour day by legislation.

Mr. Gompers declared such legislation would prove dangerous and fatal to the interests of the labor movement.

The convention held an extra session, which adjourned early this morning, for the purpose of discussing the eight-hour day issue. After the resolutions committee had recommended non-concurrence in the two resolutions favoring the enactment of an eight-hour day by law, the dispute began.

Delegate Frey, secretary of the committee, after reading the recommendation of the committee opposed the legal enactment of the eight-hour day on the ground the same law, as well as the minimum wage law, proved unsatisfactory in England and in Australia.

The report of the committee was that the convention go on record as declaring that the American Federation of Labor affirm the principle that the solution of the question of regulating hours and wages be undertaken by labor unions and not by legislation, except where the question of hours and wages concerns women, children and city, State and Federal employees.

Delegates representing the International Association of Machinists and the United Mine Workers of America voted unanimously for the legal enactment of the eight-hour day.

CALLS MEETING FARCE

Delegate Adolph Germer, of the United Mine Workers, called the entire convention a "farce."

"There are some people," he said, "whose feet are in the 20th century but

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EUROPE SPENT \$40,000,000 IN NEW YORK IN MONTH

Vast Outlay by Nations Involved in Gigantic War.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Army boots, uniforms, etc., to the extent of \$40,000,000 have been bought in this city during the last month by representatives of the belligerent powers. Ten thousand army saddles and 5000 tons of barbed wire are understood to have been ordered yesterday.

One local firm has just completed 1,000,000 pairs of boots for the British Government and has 2,000,000 pairs of both boots and shoes in process of manufacture, on the same order. They include both high and low shoes in tan and black, at an average price of \$2.50 per pair.

Another local concern has delivered 1,000,000 complete uniforms and overcoats to the French Government, payment for which was made in advance a month ago. The same house has a large order for army boots for France and has delivered, approximately, 1,000,000 pairs of these.

PRUSSIAN GUARD WITHDRAWN

Sent to Rear to Rest After Suffering Heavy Losses.

PARIS, Nov. 21.—Reports from the battle front in Belgium declare that the Prussian Guard has suffered so severely in its attack on the British lines that it has been withdrawn from the fighting line and sent to the rear to rest.

SHOW CASES ROBBED

Two Accused of Stealing Shoes in West Philadelphia.

Alexander O'Donnell, 23rd and Aspen streets, and James Clark, 234 and Callowhill streets, were arrested today by Police Sergeant Taylor, 233rd street and Woodland avenue station.

In a suit case carried by the men were more than a dozen pairs of new shoes. After the arrest Taylor went over his beat and found that the show case of George Smith, 2628 Market street, and Benjamin Cohen, 2223 Market street, had been robbed of shoes. Magistrate Harris held the men under \$500 each for a further hearing next Saturday.

CANADA TO SEND 50,000 MEN

Province Will Aid to Force of Troops in Europe.

OTTAWA, Nov. 21.—The Canadian Government today decided to add in all 50,000 men to the provincial force. This will include the 15,000 recruited in the last two weeks. Canada, when this plan is carried out, will have raised a total force of 54,000 men, as follows:

"Thirty-four thousand troops in England, 18,000 being sent along the United States border and the 50,000 recruits."

While going for coal today, Gottlieb Kautzer, 12 years old, 312 Fernon street, sustained severe bruises when he tripped and fell down the cellar steps. He was taken to St. Agnes' Hospital, where it is said he suffers from internal injuries.

Fire Destroys Better House

READING, Pa., Nov. 21.—Fire, originating from a spark from the chimney of the residence of John Butler, Long Swamp, near here, early this morning destroyed a frame building on the Butler premises and 200 acres of timberland in a nearby forest. The loss is estimated at \$1,000.

KILLED ON WAY TO WIFE

Head of Quarantined Family May Have Been Murdered.

LANCASTER, Pa., Nov. 21.—Elmer McKinney, 25 years old, of Quarryville, left home last night to see his wife and two children, quarantined for diphtheria in the home of her father, William Graham, near Mt. Hope. Later his body was found in Quarryville by the Rev. Thomas Crooks. His head was crushed and body bruised. The authorities are investigating to determine whether or not he was beaten to death by thugs.

FOUR JOY RIDERS HURT WHEN STOLEN AUTO OVERTURNS

One Victim of Accident Probably Fatally Injured, and Two Others Are Arrested.

One man was probably fatally injured and three others were hurt today when a stolen automobile belonging to a physician crashed into the curb at Frankford avenue and Wheatheaf lane.

The injured are: HARRY LEWITT, 25 years old, 734 East Hill street; concussion of the brain, fracture of the skull and internal injuries. Physicians say he will die.

THOMAS MACK, 35 years old, 2055 East Monmouth street; bruises of the leg and contusions of the face.

JAMES CARNEY, 25 years old, 836 East Hill street; bruise on the face.

WILLIAM E. KODDY, 26 years old, 3221 Milla street; slightly injured.

All were taken to the Frankford Hospital.

With Koddy, according to the police, operating the automobile, which was racing down Frankford avenue, and the occupants shouting and singing, the car turned under Wheatheaf lane at high speed.

In the middle of the street was a large can which Koddy could not see in the glare of the street electric lights.

CAN CAUSED ACCIDENT. "Look out for the can," shouted several of occupants of the machine. As Koddy was about to steer the car toward the east side of the street, the car skidded and dashed into the curb at the opposite corner.

The automobile dashed up on the sidewalk and turned turtle. Lewitt was hurled from his seat and buried underneath the upset machine. The other men were also thrown out of the automobile and rendered unconscious.

ARRESTED FOR STEALING CAR.

Following an investigation by special policemen of the Belgrade and Clearfield streets station, Koddy and Carney were arrested on the charge of stealing an automobile. The machine was later identified as belonging to Dr. L. Magee, of G street and Electric light.

Koddy and Carney were arraigned before Magistrate Campbell in the Belgrade and Clearfield streets station and held under \$400 bail each for a further hearing on November 23.

DIRECTOR PORTER MAYORALTY CHOICE OF INDEPENDENTS

Committee of Twenty-second Ward Voters Circulates Petition Requesting Use of His Name by Non-partisan Club.

George D. Porter, Director of Public Safety, will be the candidate of the Washington party leaders and many independent Republicans of the 22d Ward and other independent sections for the independent nomination for Mayor in the municipal election next year.

The first step in launching his candidacy is now being taken by a committee of voters of the 22d Ward, Director Porter's home ward. The committee is headed by John W. Basford, an employee in the Bureau of Building Inspection.

Petitions are being circulated throughout the ward requesting the Director to permit the use of his name for a non-partisan club. More than 1000 voters of all parties have already signed the petitions.

John W. Basford, an employee in the Bureau of Building Inspection, is the number one signer of the petitions. Most of the signers are independent Republicans, who voted for Doctor Brumbaugh and George F. Darroch on November 2.

Similar petitions will be circulated among the voters of other independent wards within a few days. In an effort to obtain 10,000 signatures before the Director is formally asked to be a candidate.

The committee will be appointed from among the signers of the petitions to present them formally to the Director and request the use of his name for the club that will work for him as a candidate for Mayor.

The petitions will all be circulated within the next two weeks. The plan is to have the committee visit Director Porter about December 10. The Director has not been approached upon the subject as yet by any members of the committee which is in charge of this first step in launching his candidacy.

The George D. Porter clubs which will be formed will be the nucleus of the organization which will boost the Director's candidacy.

The efforts of the members of the committee in charge of the petitions are being directed toward obtaining the signatures of as many Republican voters as possible. The petitions are being distributed among independent Republicans as well as among Washington party men so that the movement to make Director Porter the independent candidate for Mayor will be backed by all of the parties and factions opposed to the Republican Organization.

HALF-WIT ADMITS STRANGLING BOY AND HIDING BODY

Victor Eshelman Confesses to Murder of Albert Kraft After Assaulting Him Near Railroad.

Calmly admitting he had murdered 5-year-old Albert Kraft, whose body was found in a railroad culvert at 59th street and Gibson avenue Wednesday morning, Victor E. Eshelman, a half-wit, 35 years old, in a confession to Captain of Detectives Cameron today, described some of the revolting details of his alleged crime.

Eshelman was arrested as a suspicious person in Germantown. While the policeman who took him into custody was waiting at a patrol box with his prisoner, the man said he was the murderer of Albert Kraft. The policeman did not take the statement seriously.

In the patrol Eshelman repeated his declaration. Again in the police station he persisted he was a murderer. Captain of Detectives Cameron was notified and the prisoner sent to City Hall for examination.

During an examination by detectives, Eshelman made a formal confession. He answered all questions freely and was aware of several details of the crime not brought to light until this morning.

His story of the crime, as told to Captain Cameron, follows:

THE PRISONER'S CONFESSION. "On last Wednesday evening, at about 6 o'clock, I was at Bartram's Gardens. I don't just know the street, but I think it was somewhere near 65th street. I met a little boy at the railroad bridge. The boy was about 10 years old. I took him to the culvert under the railroad bridge and attacked him. I then strangled him.

"I then took his clothing and walked out of the culvert and threw the clothing on a dirt bank and went home. My home is at the Inasmuch Mission. I have been worried very much ever since this happened. On Friday evening I went to Germantown and got off at Chelten avenue. While outside the Orpheum Theatre I saw the manager. He passed me in. After the theatre the manager gave me five nickels for carfare.

"I then took a car on the Germantown avenue line and got off at the car barn. I was standing at the station when two mounted policemen came up and wanted to know what I was doing there. They then took me to the station house and put me in a cell and then brought me down here."

Detectives said they were baffled after working all day Thursday and Friday near the scene of the murder without finding a clue that led to substantial information.

Eshelman was in the Detective Bureau from 8 o'clock this morning until long after noon. During all that time he was facing a battery of questioners. A few days before noon he dictated the confession. Before that he had told many conflicting stories, but throughout the examination detectives were convinced they had the murderer.

SEEN WITH CHART BOY. A letter carrier identified the captive this morning as the man he had seen with the Kraft boy late Wednesday afternoon. It was reported. The carrier, it was said, came to the detective bureau this morning saying he had seen a man and a boy near the scene of the murder just before dark Wednesday afternoon. He was taken to the Fallon street home of the Krafts and there identified the body.

Later, it was said, he declared Eshelman was the man who had been with the boy late Wednesday afternoon.

At first detectives were inclined to believe Eshelman was a crack who had hid himself into thinking he was the murderer. This was caused by Eshelman's statement that he had "pushed the body into a creek." There is no creek

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MOB THREATENS FATHER, FEARED BY HIS CHILDREN

Scream When He Seeks Their Custody as Court Orders.

READING, Pa., Nov. 21.—Outside the courthouse was the setting for a mob scene at noon today, when a crowd of 2000 men and women surrounded Charles M. Boyer, a thimble, with threats of violence, prevented him from taking charge of his four children, following an agreement with his wife, Mrs. M. Boyer, in Deserion Court a short time previous.

As the mother and four children, ranging from four to eight years, emerged from the Court House, the father attempted to take charge of the little ones. They screamed and refused to go with him.

The mob gathered quickly and when Boyer attempted to seize the nearest of the quartet, threats of violence were made.

Fearing for his safety, Boyer dashed and the children departed with the mother.

NEW BANK'S INITIAL WEEK

Local Regional Reserve Institution Makes First Report.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia set its first report to the Treasury Department at Washington today, covering the initial week's work of the new institution. The report showed that the bank had on hand gold coin and bullion to the amount of \$1,923,344.97; silver notes, legal tenders and small coin, \$1,944,667.15; and deposits, \$1,944,667.15, making a total of \$3,744,667.15.

The capital paid into the bank by the 23 member banks in District No. 1 was \$2,500,000.00, and deposits, \$1,944,667.15, making a total of \$4,444,667.15.

BIGGER NAVY PLAN FAILS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—There will be no increase in the battleship building program of the United States as a result of the European war, according to Senator Tillman, chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee.

ITALIAN KING SUMMONS ENVOYS FOR WAR PARLEY

Conference May Decide Future Policy—London Agent en Route.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—A conference, the result of which is expected to determine Italy's future position as to the European war, is soon to be held in Rome.

The Italian Ambassadors to the allied countries are now en route to Rome. Ambassador Marchetti, the imperial envoy to England, left here today. Later it was learned that the Italian Ambassadors at Paris and Petrograd also had been summoned to the Italian capital by King Victor Emmanuel.

SUFFRAGISTS RUSH ROUTINE REPORTS FOR VITAL ISSUES

Delegates Will Wipe Slate Clean Before Taking Up Raising of Money and Members.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

SCRANTON, Pa., Nov. 21.—Determined to put all of the routine work out of the way before considering the two most vital issues in the suffrage campaign for the coming year, the raising of money and members, the second day of the suffrage congress opened here at 10 o'clock this morning with reading of reports by the six vice presidents of the association.

Characterizing the duties of a vice president as a "mere performance of odd jobs," Miss Lida Stokes Adams, of Philadelphia, first vice president and one of the most ardent workers for the cause, broke the record for the brevity of a speech by a woman. That was all she said.

Miss Maude Bassett Gorham, of Swarthmore, president of the Pennsylvania College Equal Suffrage League, announced that at the request of the director of the Pennsylvania Chautauqua Association, Professor Harold C. Goddard, of the English Department of Swarthmore College, has written three one-act plays on suffrage, one of which will be presented on the Chautauqua circuit next year. It is expected that these plays will be available soon in printed form.

The first of these plays, "The Sisters," takes up the relation of suffrage to domestic life. The second play, "The Voices," treats the political phase of the question, especially bringing out its bearing on the problem of international peace. The third play, "Three in White," is a morality play, which emphasizes the economic aspect of the suffrage question.

FRICITION WITH W. C. T. U. Declaring that "faith without works was dead," Mrs. H. Neely Fleming, of Erie, made an enthusiastic appeal to suffragists all over the State to spare neither time, effort, nor money in their endeavor to lead the cause to victory.

An unexpected friction between the suffragists and W. C. T. U. noticeable throughout the entire convention, came to the surface when Mrs. Fleming, in a morality play, which emphasizes the economic aspect of the suffrage question, declared that "faith without works was dead."

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"I come from a district," she said, "where half of our population is German. They are good, law-abiding, open-minded, progressive citizens, whom we must needs convert.

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Miss Mary E. Bakewell, of Pittsburgh, and Mrs. Maxwell K. Chapman, of Scranton, and Mrs. Robert Mills Beach, of Bellefonte, the other vice presidents, also spoke.

MRS. YOUNG'S EFFICIENCY. In her report of how the \$29,444.44 in the suffrage exchequer was expended, Mrs. Robert K. Young, the treasurer, demonstrated, to